



BISHOP CORNISH CHURCH OF ENGLAND V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

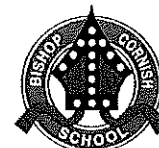
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Dear Parents, carers and children from Years 2, 3, 4 and 5

As you are aware preparations are now underway in school to welcome children in Years 1 and 6 and the Reception class. This has been a complex process which staff have embraced with optimism and passion. The staff will also continue to work with the children of Key Workers. We know that this phased return which excludes your child/ren may be frustrating for some and we understand your anxieties.

Our current arrangements mean that there will be a change to the way staff engage with the children who are unable to return yet. This is because, in order to comply with the government's guidance regarding class sizes of 15 or less, all the teachers are now deployed teaching the children who are in school. Mr Hill and Mrs Williams are teaching Year 6; Mrs Oakes and Mrs Clelland are teaching Year 1; Miss Edlin and Mrs Berry are teaching Reception children; Mrs Jones is teaching the children in Years 2 and 3 whose parents are Key Workers and Mrs Nile and Mrs Edwards will be teaching the children in Year 4 and 5 whose parents are Key Workers. Mr Brown and Mrs Garner will be providing support particularly in the event of a member of staff being ill.

For those children who are staying at home, we will continue to provide home learning packs but these will be uploaded on a Monday morning for the whole week. These may not be as detailed as previously and the staff will not be able to maintain the same level of communication as they will be in class teaching all day and preparing lessons for those children in school. We do however hope to be able to explore different ways of sending messages to those classmates not in school and helping them work from home. Staff will direct parents to different websites and resources which will help you.

The government suggested that schools may fully reopen on the 1st July, with all year groups being welcomed back before the summer holidays. We anticipate significant changes in the guidance in order for this to happen as we are currently using all our classrooms – but as always we will remain hopeful of a solution that is best for the children, their families, the staff and their families.

Thank you so much for all your support over the last 8 weeks – we know that many of you have faced incredible challenges, ups and downs and we have held you all in our thoughts and prayers.

I would however also like to thank the staff who have been absolutely amazing during this time. They have all continued to work in many different ways for the school and they have demonstrated what an amazing team they are. Your messages, videos, cards and good wishes have sustained them and enabled them to rise to fresh challenges – challenges we will all never forget.

Every blessing


Sue Green